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## MASS MEETING FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Dean Fraser to Explain Faculty Committee Plans for Supervision of Activities

NEXT THURSDAY IN LAW SCHOOL

Faculty Committee Wishes to Hear Opinions of Students on Council Plans; Suggest Council of Nine Representative Members; Faculty Committee Will Probably Appoint

A mass meeting for all students interested in student activities has been called by Dean Fraser, chairman of the faculty committee on student activities to hear plans of the faculty committee for a student council and to make suggestions. It will be held in the Law School, next Thursday, April 20, at 8 P. M.

A tentative plan for the council has been drawn up by the faculty committee, and will be explained at the meeting. Essentially it called for a body of nine students one representing each department, who shall act as an advisory body to the faculty committee in all matters pertaining to student activities, especially regarding appointments to positions. This body will allot the proceeds of the voluntary tax, and supervise its expenditure, subject to the approval of the faculty committee.

It is probable that the faculty committee will appoint the council for next year. Regarding this, Dean Fraser says: "As the University under the tax has taken responsibility for student activities, it must have their oversight."

The meeting Thursday night is called in order that the opinion of the student body regarding the student council may be learned. Dean Fraser, chairman of the faculty committee, will explain the plan and Graduate Manager Baer will speak. Prof. McNemar is also expected to be present.

All students interested in student activities, especially those who have signed the voluntary tax pledge should be present.

## INTERFRATERNITY PROM.

The interfraternity dance this year is to be held at the Willard on April 27, which is the Thursday after Easter. The tickets are \$3.50 per couple.

The affair will be held in the big ball room and the number of tickets will not be nearly so restricted as in former years when the function was held in the Red Room. Refreshments will be served and the Meyer Davis orchestra will furnish the music. Every fraternity man in the University, whether his fraternity is here or not, is welcome to attend the dance.

## WEATHER FORECASTS

WILLIS L. MOORE, LL.D., Sec. D.  
W. F. CAROTHERS,  
Carothers' Observatory, Houston, Tex.  
April 5.

Sunday, April 16 and Monday, April 17—The week will open with moderately warm temperatures and rain.

Tuesday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 19—A cool movement will overspread the State of Maryland Monday or Tuesday, clearing the weather and bringing cooler night temperatures.

Thursday, April 20, Friday, April 21, Saturday, April 22—Warmer temperatures and rain Thursday will precede another movement. This movement will clear the weather and bring 20 degrees colder temperatures, with general frosts one or two days.

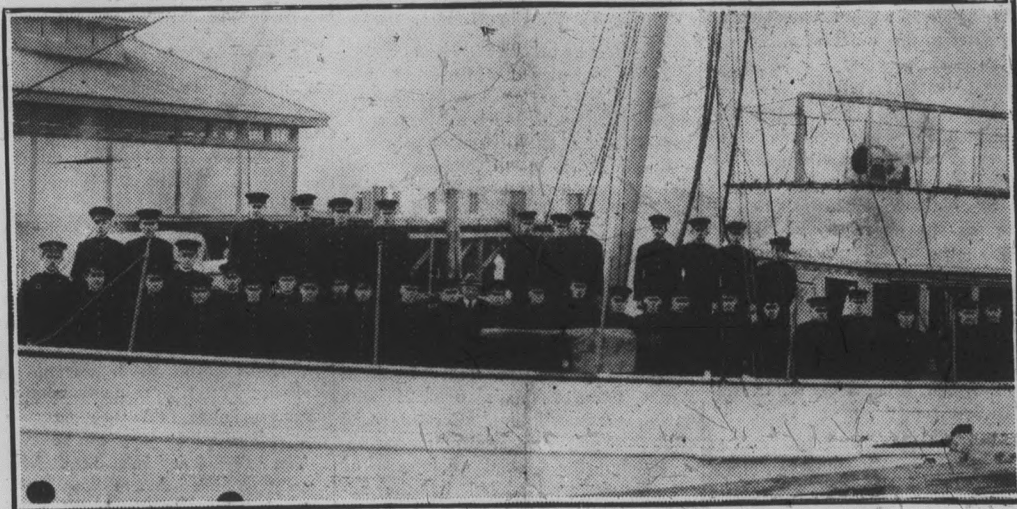


Photo by R. S. Clements. THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY COAST ARTILLERY COMPANY, On board the Naval Vessel Sylvia, embarking for their first trip to Fort Washington.

## SENIORS AND OLD GRADS TO MIX TONIGHT AT REUNION

Reception to Seniors of all Departments, Business Meeting, and Reunion of General Alumni Association to be Held at Normal School

The principal business at the alumni meeting tonight will be that of reviewing old times or looking forward, as the case may be. Senior and alumnus will meet at the J. Ormond Wilson Normal School and compare stories of student life, as it is and was.

President Stockton will speak, and Stephen E. Kramer, president of the association will preside. Dean Howard L. Hodgkins, secretary, and John B. Lerner, treasurer, will make reports.

A program of Girl's Glee Club music, and recitations and music by graduates will be given, after which an informal reception followed by refreshments and dancing will be held.

## NO FURTHER BUILDING PLANS

As yet no plans have been made for raising money for a new Law School building and a Science Hall. The Board of Trustees has the matter in hand. President Stockton has announced that contributions to a fund for the erection of the buildings will be gladly received.

## DENTAL MAN WRESTLING CHAMPION

William H. Cowley, '17, holder of the 125 lb. Utah State Championship, won the South Atlantic Championship wrestling match for George Washington University by throwing his opponent in two minutes and 37 seconds. The contest was held at Baltimore Athletic Club on Feb. 8.

## DR. SUPPLEE AND WIFE LOSE LIVES IN JAMES RIVER

Dr. E. D. Supplee, and his wife, formerly Miss Florence Gore of this city, are given up as lost after the canoe in which they had been paddling on the James river was found upturned on Sunday.

Dr. Supplee was a graduate of the Medical School in 1914. He was afterward interne in the University Hospital and occupied the post of Resident Physician during the year preceding his connection with the Du Pont Hospital at Hopewell.

He was a man of unusual strength and fineness of character, and it is to be regretted that his career was cut short in so tragic a way.

## CLASS PRESIDENTS DISBAND TO GIVE NEW COUNCIL FULL POWER

Elect Marshals, Ignore Cherry Tree Scheme and Then Go Out of Existence; Walton, Aspinall and Semmes Selected as Marshals

After electing the senior marshals last Monday night, the Association of Class Presidents decided to disband in order that the new student council shortly to be formed may have free sway in the management of student activities. After an exciting election, R. R. Walton of the senior medical class was elected grand senior marshal for the exercises of commencement week. C. P. Aspinall of Dental School, and Harry H. Semmes of the Law School were elected first and second assistant marshals.

Mr. Walton was elected because of his great popularity among his classmates. Mr. Aspinall has been prominent in the activities of his class. Mr. Semmes is president of the Senior law class this year, and has been an unfailing point winner for the University in track meets by his pole vaulting.

Immediately after the election, a plan was advanced to select the editor and business manager of next year's Cherry Tree from the present sophomore class, and to put the book into the hands of the junior class next year.

Such action, most of the members thought, was out of the scope of the organization, as the new student council will have control of all student activities next year, and the money for the support of the Cherry Tree will come from the voluntary tax which it will allot.

The proposition of the faculty committee to form a student council was explained, and the lack of need of the association when the student council was formed was seen.

"I move that we dissolve the Association of Class Presidents," said Mr. Semmes, who had just been elected a marshal.

"There is the Cherry Tree motion before the house," was the objection raised.

President Terry ruled that a motion to dissolve was privileged, and by a overwhelming majority the association went out of existence.

## WANT CHEERING AND SUPPORT AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY DEBATE

Big Debate to be Held April 28 at Catholic University; Cheering Practice Tonight

A cheering George Washington audience is wanted for the big intercollegiate debate with Catholic University to be held two weeks from tonight at Catholic University. Already the Law School students have had cheering practice for this biggest debate of the season. Last Friday yells and songs resounded, and tonight in the Law School, M. H. Francis will lead the second cheering practice to be held by the Columbian Debating Society.

"We must win this debate," said Prof. Schreiber, "and to win it we must have an enthusiastic favorable audience. Every student should be there."

The team, PGad Morehouse, G. T. Fuller, and H. W. Cornell, and the coaches, Prof. Schreiber and Prof. Parks have been working hard on the important question of the literacy test restriction to immigration.

This debate is of great importance because it is between local institutions. In past years when the team used to defeat Georgetown year after year the student support was a determining factor. Come to the cheering practice and the debate.

## RUNNERS WILL ENTER THREE MEETS

The track team will enter the M. A. C. outdoor games on May 13, and the Johns Hopkins meet on May 13 as well as the Penn. Relays on April 22. The team is showing up well in practice. Yesterday try-outs were held under the direction of Coach Halsey. The men should win several points in every meet.

James Harsh, Alexander, Prettyman, Lenovitz and Smith will probably be the men to go to Philadelphia if enough money can be raised to pay half their expenses. A collection is being taken.

## TO VISIT POWER PLANT

Late News

Wednesday, April 12—The Engineering Society has completed arrangements to visit the modern and well equipped Union Station power plant next Wednesday, April 19. The party will meet at 8 P. M. at 1st and H Sts., N. W.

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE OPENS TOMORROW

Engineers, Medics, Vets and Collegians Arrange 12-Game Saturday Schedule

PLAY ON WHITE LOT DIAMONDS

Large Number of Candidates Out for Each Team; Managers of Teams Arrange Schedule; Hot Battles Expected

The George Washington University Baseball League, consisting of teams representing the College of Engineering, Columbian College, the Medical School and the College of Veterinary Medicine, has been formed and a 12-game schedule of Saturday games has been made up. At noon on Tuesday the managers of the teams met in the Medical Building. The Engineers and the Medics will meet in the first game of the schedule tomorrow at 2 P. M. on Diamond 6 on the White Lot. Beginning with the following Saturday, two games will be played, one starting at 2 P. M. on Diamond 6, and the other at 4:30 P. M. on Diamond 10, both on the White Lot. A lot of "pep" will be displayed in this series for the championship of the University.

At the conference were James B. Patterson, Vets; Chas. W. Prettyman, Columbian College; McNeir Smith, Engineering; and Jack B. Zerbe, Medical. Several agreements were made. A man not registered in the college which he is representing will not be allowed to play. All postponed games will be played at 5th and Florida Ave., on Sunday mornings.

The use of White Lot diamonds for practice as well as the playing of games has been obtained. On Monday and Wednesday practice for the A. & S. teams and any members of the Vets and Medics who can, will be held on Diamond 4 from 3 to 5 P. M. On Thursdays from 2 to 4 P. M. on Diamond 6 similar practice will be held. The Vets are practicing on the diamonds at 5th and Florida Ave. every Sunday at 10 A. M. Members of other teams are welcome. Those wishing to try-out for any teams should report for practice.

Manager Prettyman has announced the following as candidates for the Columbian College team: J. S. Bixler, V. L. Kebler, G. S. Cooper, C. R. King, R. J. Beck, C. W. Prettyman, B. Glenn, M. Butler, J. Kirkpatrick, Bob Carter, Harry Hough, Henry Ravenel, Clarence Stretch, T. C. Garner, Louis Beauregard.

The candidates for the Medical team have been announced as follows: M. Berman, J. Kreiselman, E. Campbell, C. Barone, George Bassett, Raymond Decker, S. Bernstein, T. Crisp, L. Tribble, Jack Zerbe, Jack Lyons, Edward Lewis, Jack Carter.

The College of Engineering will be represented by a team picked from these men: Campbell, Degnan, Cruickshanks, James, Heald, Eliason, Kaiser, Hawser, Hunt, Lenovitz, Finley, Ranno, Wingate, Diggs, Ward and Smith.

Men out by the Veterinary team are: Krit, King, Phillips, Romberger, Melvin, Sannahan, Bufin, Wilcox, Fell, Ripplin, Brennan, Hines, Price, Sipos, Lawyeh, Patterson, Dodge.

## The Schedule

All games will be played on the White Lot, 2 P. M. games on Diamond 6. (Continued on page 3.)

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the next issue of *The Hatchet* will  
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## Editorials

### THE ALUMNI

George Washington University has a  
large body of alumni. All over the  
world, its graduates are to be found,  
and of the more than four thousand  
listed, two thousand are now living in  
the District of Columbia. We are proud  
of this large number, and the splendid  
records that are being made by those  
who have received their training here  
are equal to any.

In the past, during the periods when  
the future of the University looked  
darkest, hundreds of alumni came to  
our support financially. Such days  
happily have passed, and the future is  
brighter than ever before. We now need  
the organized alumni in order they may  
help in the constant progress, brought  
about by excellent enrollment and ad-  
ministration.

The best advertisement of a University  
is its product, the graduates, and the  
better organized is that body, the  
more powerful it will be. Due largely  
constant to the effort and self-sacrifice  
of Dean Hodgkins, we have a General  
Alumni Association. It has done ex-  
cellent work, and has held many annual  
banquets and business meetings. The  
Law School has a booming independent  
association, which has listed and kept  
in touch with its graduates.

More graduates should join the as-  
sociations, and boost the University in  
its present period of progress. There  
are not the sentimental reasons, such  
as ivy-covered buildings and old familiar  
scenes to cause our graduates to come to  
alumni meetings. Unlike other colleges,  
our traditions, as fine and as noble as  
the best, are largely in writings, dust-  
covered, and in memories. Our gradu-  
ates must be interested by their own  
recollections, and the present activities  
of the University.

Because the buildings of each depart-  
ment are widely separated, and the in-  
terests of the graduates of each college,  
though the same in general, are more con-  
cerned with his particular school, it has  
been suggested that the Department of  
Arts and Sciences, the Medical and Den-  
tal Schools, and the two affiliated colleges  
each form an alumni association similar

to the present Law School Association,  
each association with all its members  
becoming a member of the General  
Alumni Association. In this manner  
could be built up a powerful and numeri-  
cally strong, alumni association with  
the same general interest in the whole  
of the University, and the particular in-  
terest of each subsidiary association in  
its school or college. Through the  
alumni editions of *The Hatchet*, and an-  
nual meetings of the general associa-  
tion and its branches, our alumni could  
be interested and made a valuable and  
willing asset to the University.

### "DISRAELI"

The Dramatic Society is undertaking  
a commendable task in the production of  
a play of the caliber of "Disraeli." It  
is well worth supporting, and is sure  
to be a creditable performance. All  
students of the University should aid  
in making the spring play a big suc-  
cess.

A young man, arrested in Baltimore,  
claimed he had been a G. W. U. student,  
but the records do not show his name.  
Evidently, then, being a G. W. U. stu-  
dent is worth something.

A letter to the Washington Times  
says "Test Carothers' weather forecasts  
by publishing them." We are.

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE OPENS TOMORROW

(Continued from page 1.)

4:30 P. M. games on Diamond 10, ex-  
cepting game on April 30.

April 15—2 P. M., Engineers vs.  
Medics.

April 22—2 P. M., Medics vs. Col-  
legians; 4:30 P. M. Vets vs. Engineers.

April 29—2 P. M., Collegians vs. En-  
gineers; 4:30 P. M., Vets vs. Medics.

April 30—10 A. M., Vets vs. Col-  
legians, 5th and Florida Ave.

May 6—2 P. M., Medics vs. Engineers;  
4:30 P. M. Collegians vs. Vets.

May 13—2 P. M., Medics vs. Col-  
legians; 4:30 P. M. Vets vs. Engineers.

May 20—2 P. M., Collegians vs. En-  
gineers; 4:30 P. M. Medics vs. Vets.

### ENOSINIANS TO PRACTICE

The debating team that will represent  
the Enosinian Society in the intersociety  
debate with the Columbian on May 12  
will hold a practice debate Monday  
night upon "Resolved, That a commis-  
sion form of government should be  
adopted in our American cities." The  
picked team composed of Messrs. Gilli-  
gan, Kothe and Hodgkins will be op-  
posed by Miss Goodrich and Messrs.  
Evans and Tashof.

### SENIOR PLAY UNIVERSITY AFFAIR THIS YEAR

The senior play to be presented near  
commencement will be "The Rules of  
the Games," a four act comedy written  
by L. H. Van Kirk, a senior of Colum-  
bian College. There are about 15 main  
characters and 20 to 30 minor parts.  
Seniors of all departments will take part.  
Try-outs will be held next Thursday  
night in the A. & S. Building.

### BUREAU OF EDUCATION TO AID IN SHAKESPEARE CELEBRATIONS

Nearly 2,000 schools, representing half  
as many separate communities, have al-  
ready arranged for a pageant or dra-  
matic performance in commemoration of  
the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's  
death, according to figures compiled by  
the Bureau of Education of the Depart-  
ment of the Interior. Although the ac-  
tual anniversary occurs in April, 1916,  
celebrations are to be held throughout  
the year. Many elementary and second-  
ary schools will this year devote their  
entire commencement program to a  
Shakespeare pageant or play, and a num-  
ber of summer schools will take advantage  
of the opportunity to give outdoor per-  
formances of plays by Shakespeare or  
about him.

In order to assist schools and colleges  
in planning celebrations, the Bureau of  
Education, in co-operation with the  
Drama League of America, has issued a  
bulletin giving practical suggestions as  
to kinds of celebrations, type perform-  
ances, lists of dances, and designs for  
simple costuming for Shakespearean  
plays.

## IN THE MAIL BAG

Communications to *The Hatchet* "Mail Bag"  
must be written on one side of the paper, must  
not exceed 200 words in length, and must be  
addressed to the editors. They must also be  
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Only letters from people concerned with G. W.  
U. will be published. Publication of letters in  
this column does not mean the indorsement by  
*The Hatchet* of the opinions of the writer.  
"The Mail Bag" is an open forum, where  
Hatchettes can argue questions of University  
interest.

G. W. Not G. U.

To the Editors of *The Hatchet*:

Every student of the University who  
reads the daily papers must have noticed  
the regularity with which the local news-  
papers credit all George Washington  
University activities to Georgetown, un-  
less the matter has been handled by a  
representative of our own University.  
Dr. Magruder, graduate of the Medi-  
cal School, sacrificed his life fighting  
the Serbian epidemic of typhus. Wash-  
ington papers stated that he was a  
graduate of Georgetown. One of  
our graduates attained some notice for  
his work in the Rockefeller Institute.  
Again Georgetown is credited with  
having graduated him. Certain social  
affairs among our students, and im-  
mediately the social columns of  
the dailies are swelled by the ad-  
dition of Georgetown items. The mat-  
ter may be small or large, creditable or  
otherwise, it seems to make no differ-  
ence, Georgetown has to stand for it.  
A recent instance is seen in the death  
by drowning of Dr. Supplee and his  
wife. Dr. Supplee, according to *The*  
*Washington Times* was graduated by  
Georgetown. What is the trouble?  
Isn't George Washington University on  
the map? It surely is! But can't some-  
thing be done to advise the daily papers  
that we are on the map? We have no  
desire to rob Georgetown of anything  
that is her own, but we really ought  
not to expect her to shoulder our res-  
ponsibilities!

ELEANORE CUSHING, Medical, '16.

### INGRAVITUDE

To the Editors of *The Hatchet*:

The George Washington University  
has over 7,000 volumes in its law library.  
These books have been purchased and  
collected at great expense and with great  
effort on the part of the University.  
The use of these books, including the  
reading room and lights, is furnished to  
the students at the very nominal sum of  
\$3 per year. The sole purpose of the  
University in maintaining such a large  
library is to enable its students to have  
every opportunity to make a thorough  
study of the law, to permit them to pur-  
sue, unhampered by any lack of mate-  
rials, whatever branch of the law they  
happen to be particularly interested in,  
to enable those who believe in "pre-  
paredness" to be "prepared." Many stu-  
dents do not even purchase the books  
that are considered necessary for their  
class work, but depend upon the library  
books. Some other students are so de-  
pendent upon the library books that  
they must take them to their rooms with  
them, and, alas, many of these same stu-  
dents are so dependent upon the library  
books that they never return them, but  
must keep them ever near, so attached do  
they become to the library books. This is  
the point of my remarks, is it not biting  
the hand that feeds you? Are you not  
fettering the ambitions of some other  
student who is unable to purchase his  
books? An old saying fits this situation  
well: "One ungrateful man does an in-  
jury to all who stand in need of aid."  
There are several necessary books miss-  
ing from the library now. Why not  
leave them lying around the smoking  
room?

"A STUDENT."

## LOST AND FOUND

Under this head *The Hatchet* will endeavor  
to aid students, without charge, in having lost  
goods found and found goods returned to the  
rightful owner.

LOST—At the Law School, a gold collar  
pin, with pearl. Finder will please re-  
turn to the Secretary of the School.

LOST—A Parker & Haswell Zoology  
Vol. I. Has the name D. Davis on  
fly-leaf. Finder please return to M.  
H. Herzmark.

## "Disraeli" to be Presented for the Benefit of Athletics

Cast Now Rehearsing; President Wilson Will Be  
Asked to Attend; Want Student Support

One-half of the proceeds of the pro-  
duction of the spring play, "Disraeli"  
will be given towards clearing up the  
present athletic deficit, it has been an-  
nounced. The play will probably be  
given on Tuesday, May 9, but the place  
has not yet been decided.

The cast is now rehearsing regularly  
in Monday, Wednesday and Friday in  
the A. & S. Assembly Hall at 7 P. M.  
under the direction of Sol. S. Gluck.  
With changes made recently the cast is  
as follows: Duke of Gastonbury, L.  
Elmer Pendell; Duchess of Gatsonbury  
Miss Frances Geschickter; Clarissa, Miss  
Edna Dixon; Charles, Leon Tashof; Lady  
Cudworth, Miss Agnes Pendleton; Dis-  
raeli, Sol. S. Gluck; Lady Beauchamp,  
Miss Gertrude Walter; Mrs. Travers  
Miss Inez Ryan; Sir Robert, E. Bain  
Lightfoot; Mr. Hugh Myers, Max  
Rhoads; Potter, Wm. Gilligan. Several  
important male parts are yet unfilled,  
and various minor parts can be had.

The President and Mrs. Wilson,  
among other prominent people will be  
asked to act as patrons for the per-  
formance.

Miss Katherine Greenwood is design-  
ing the costumes and settings for the  
production, while the business manager is  
planning a souvenir program.

The fraternities will be asked to give  
their whole support to the play.

### HARRY B. JONES DEAD

Harry B. Jones, a junior in Columbian  
College, after an illness of a week died  
from pneumonia at the George Washington  
University Hospital last Sunday morn-  
ing. His friends feel their loss deeply,  
and regret the sudden ending of a  
promising life.

### BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Rev. J. J. Muir of the Temple Baptist  
Church will deliver the baccalaureate  
sermon on Sunday, June 4, it has been  
announced.

### PINS FOR COLUMBIAN SENIORS

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Friday, April 14.

8 P. M. Alumni reunion and reception,  
J. Ormond Wilson School.

Saturday, April 15.

2 P. M. Baseball, Engineers vs. Medics,  
White Lot.

8 P. M. Glee Club Rehearsal, 15 Grafton  
St.

Thursday, April 20.

8 P. M. Mass Meeting for Student  
Council, Law School.

Friday, April 21 to Monday, April 24,  
both inclusive.

Easter holidays in all departments.

Saturday, April 22.

2 P. M. Baseball, Collegians vs. Medics,  
White Lot.

4:30 P. M. Baseball, Engineers vs. Vets,  
White Lot.

Tuesday, April 25.

8 P. M. Davis Prize Speaking Contest,  
A. & S. Assembly Hall.

Wednesday, April 26.

8 P. M. Columbian-George Washington  
Law School Alumni Association  
meeting, University Club.

Thursday, April 27.

8:30 P. M. Interfraternity Prom., New  
Willard.

Friday, April 28.

8 P. M. Debate, George Washington  
University vs. Catholic University,  
Catholic University.

Friday, May 5.

8 P. M. Law School Dinner, Rauscher's.

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## PROF. CROISSANT EXPLAINS SIMPLIFIED SPELLING REFORM

Gives Historical Outline; Many Educational Institutions Endorse Simplified Forms

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English spelling was originally purely phonetic, and our present complicated system has developed as a result of three sorts of influence, two of which are purely external and are unrelated to the natural process of evolution. It has been made complicated by the system of notation used by the French conquerors after the Norman Conquest, and by the later importation of French words; by the influence of the first printers in the 15th century, who used Dutch spellings for English sounds; and by etymologists, who attempted to make spelling represent something more than the spoken speech. It has been simplified by reformers who began their work as early as 1554, and who have continued their efforts from that time up to the present with varying success. In addition to these, but having less influence than either, is the process of natural evolution which has been checked recently by the influence of the dictionaries. It is interesting to note that the editors of the six great modern English dictionaries not only approve of the movement and in some of the dictionaries give vocabulary place to the simplified forms, but also members of the Simplified Spelling Board.

The Norman conquerors attempted to represent the sounds of English as they were spoken, but they used an entirely different system of notation from the English, and frequently spelled English words in a French way, destroying the etymological value of the spelling. An example of the change which came about through the influence of these foreigners is the word *quick*, which was originally spelled *cuic* in English. The Normans substituted the symbol *qu* for the English *cw*, and, because of the fact that they omitted all indication of the length of vowels, the consonant following the *i*, which was short, was doubled. Then the resulting *cc* was in turn later changed to *ck*. This is typical of many changes which were brought about through Norman influence.

When Caxton imported the printing press from Holland he brought with him Dutch printers, who introduced a second foreign element into our spelling through the same sort of process that had effected the changes in the case of the Normans. This is exemplified by the change of *gost* to *ghost*, for *gh* is not an English combination, and generally where it appears, it is the result of the influence of men whose native language was not English.

In the third place the etymologists, shortly after the age of Shakespeare, attempted to make the spelling represent the source or the history of words. Unfortunately many of their changes were based upon ignorance combined with imagination. For example, they inserted an *s* in island because of the mistaken idea that the word was related to the French *isle*, and they introduced a *b* in debt which conceals the fact that the word came to English through the medium of French, and erroneously indicates that it came directly from the Latin.

The early reformers attempted to make our spelling phonetic by the introduction of new symbols, so that there might be a single symbol for each sound. This movement was unsuccessful, but the later simplifiers attempted merely to omit the silent letters, and they were more successful, as is indicated by the fact that we now spell *gun* without a final *ne*, *war* without a final *re*, and *logic* with a final *ic* instead of *ique*. The examples just cited are among the reforms proposed by James Howell in his *Grammar* of 1662.

The present movement in America for simplified spelling began in 1875, when the American Philological Association appointed a Committee to report upon the subject. This Committee, consisting of Professor W. D. Whitney, of Yale; Professor F. A. March, of Lafayette; Professor F. A. Child, of Harvard; Professor J. H. Trumbull, of Yale, and Professor S. S. Haldeman, of the University of Pennsylvania, in 1876 reported favorably in respect to the effort to reform English spelling, and a later Com-

mittee made certain proposals which were adopted by the American Philological Association. In 1898 the National Education Association adopted the Twelve Words, *program, catalog, decalog, prolog, demagog, pedagog, tho, altho, thoro, thorefore, thru, thruout*; and in 1906 the Simplified Spelling Board was found to carry on the work already begun. At present practically all the filological authorities support the movement.

As a first step, the Simplified Spelling Board is recommending the immediate use, in schools, colleges, and private correspondence, of the simpler spellings having the authority of the dictionaries, as *traveler* for *traveller*, *gram* for *gramme*, and of the Twelve Words which were adopted by the National Education Association in 1898. As this measure finds favor it is the plan of the Board to secure the adoption in current use of more of its recommendations.

In addition to the 247 newspapers and periodicals, with a combined circulation of nearly 12,000,000, and the 143 universities, colleges, and normal schools which have approved the movement and are using some of the simpler forms, the movement has been endorsed by the State Teachers' Associations of 18 States, by the National Education Association, by the Modern Language Association of America, and many others, while a number of spelling books and State courses of study include some of the simplifications in their regular lists or as a statement of the principles of the Simplified Spelling Board and approve of its recommendations.

The movement for the reform of our spelling is important from an educational, a social, and an economic point of view. Spelling has no fundamental educational significance, except the training of the memory, which could be accomplished just as efficiently by means of material which could be used in other relations. Our present spelling wastes time, is a frequently misleading guide to pronunciation, is based on memory rather than reason, and, because of its inconsistencies, is an obstacle to the development of the child's reasoning powers. The difficulty in the learning of our spelling is a bar to the rapid assimilation of our foreign population and to the extension of English as a world language; and the ability to spell conventionally has been elevated to a false position as a measure of culture and ability. The economic loss in the publishing business alone has been computed by Mr. Henry Holt, the publisher, to be \$100,000,000 a year, practically equivalent to an indirect tax of \$1 per capita for every man, woman, and child in the United States. The Simplified Spelling Board does not believe that radical or revolutionary action is desirable or likely to be effective. It aims to aid in bringing about the rational and scientific spelling of English by gradual and evolutionary changes. Spelling always has changed and will continue to do so. It is the desire of the Board to give intelligent direction to this natural process, and to hasten the movement in the interests of reason and economy.

### CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR BASKET BALL MANAGER

Graduate Manager Baer has called for candidates for manager of the basketball team next year. All names should be in by April 20, and should be sent to D. A. Baer, Union Trust Building.

## Frosts Forecasted by Carothers, But Bureau Failed, Says Moore

Prof. Moore Points Out That Forecast Published in The Hatchet Was Correct, While Weather Bureau Said, "Normal Temperatures"

Prof. Willis L. Moore, in a statement issued last Saturday declares that the Carothers long-distance weather forecast as published in *The Hatchet* accurately foretold the cold snap of the end of last week, while the Government Weather Bureau utterly failed to forecast it. He says:

"Professor Marvin's Weather Bureau forecast for the week beginning Sunday, April 2, says:

"No unusually low temperatures for the season, however, are probable in any section. Indications are that during the coming week temperatures will average near the normal throughout the Eastern and Southern States. \* \* \*

"By reference to *The University Hatchet* of March 31, it may be learned that on March 22, the Carothers forecasts accurately described the unusual frost that has visited this region. It said:

"Beginning Thursday, there will be general frosts daily to the end of the week, extending to the coasts one or two days."

"This is only one of many answers that will be made to Marvin's tirade and misrepresentation with regard to the new system of forecasting, and the answers will be made not by me or Carothers, but by the forecasts themselves."

### MENORAH SOCIETY

Congressman Siegel addressed the society last Saturday on "Is the Restriction of Immigration Necessary?" He thinks that restriction at this time would be detrimental to the best interests of the country. He condemned the literacy test, especially.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday evening April 15 in the A. & S. Building. J. M. Shaffer will present a paper on "Anti-Semitism, Its Manifestations and Solution."

The Intercollegiate Menorah Association has loaned the A. & S. library, through the local chapter, about 70 books on every phase of Judaism. The books are now on the shelves.

The society will hold an open meeting May 5 in order to acquaint the students with the work of the society.

### CHEMICAL MEETING

Talks by C. F. Snyder and P. H. Brattain on "Practical Pharmaceutical Methods" and a paper on Sir Henry Roscoe, by G. W. Phillips were given at the meeting of the Chemical Society Wednesday night. Demonstrations were made with pharmaceutical apparatus. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

### TENNIS MATCH POSTPONED

Unfavorable weather conditions have prevented the surfacing of the municipal tennis courts and the University tennis team has been unable to practice

as yet. The match with Georgetown has been postponed by mutual consent, and that university will be met early in May. Other games are being scheduled. The municipal courts are being shaped as soon as possible and will probably be ready next week. Efforts are being made to secure a court for Sunday between 3 and 6 P. M. for use by night students in practicing and trying-out.

## WIT O' THE WEEK

Not Football Either.

"Say, old top, fork over a quarter for the track team expenses, to send them to Penn. Relays, you know."

"Sure, here it is!"  
Business of collector going down hall. A pause.

"Come back, I want to pay quarter-back."

Equipment Out of Order.

The physics professor was demonstrating the siren.

"I don't like to blow," he said, but my bellows are leaky and my wind box is not large."

And the fool students laughed.

Getting at His Motive.

"Will you have my seat?" he inquired politely.

"On the ground that I am aged and decrepit?" the woman asked.

"No, indeed, madam."

"That I am young and beautiful and possibly not averse to a flirtation?"

"Certainly not. That is—"

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## Departmental Notes

### FACULTY

Prof. McNemar spent a few days in New York last week on personal business.

Dean W. C. Ruediger was elected president of the Federal Schoolmen's Club at the meeting held Saturday, April 1, at the home of Superintendent E. L. Thurston, retiring president of the Club. The Club is composed of about 60 of the leading schoolmen of the District, including 11 members of the faculty of George Washington University. It was organized in 1907 and has held six meetings annually since that time. Professor G. N. Henning is a member of the Board of Governors and Professor C. S. Smith is the retiring secretary. Dean Wilbur enjoys the distinction of having been the Club's first president.

Prof. Nathan W. Dougherty gave a talk on "Engineering as a Profession" at Eastern High School Monday morning.

### COLUMBIAN COLLEGE

"Wash and butter your hands" was the motto when the sophomore girls entertained the Women's University Club at a taffy pull last Friday night. Those who shared in the product testified amply to the excellence thereof.

Miss Jane Stout has returned from Florida, where she has been recovering from pneumonia. She is not able to return to school yet.

### ALUMNI

Dr. Forrest Martin, a graduate of the Medical School and later an interne at the Government Hospital for the Insane, has passed the final examination for appointment to the Medical Corps of the navy.

### VETERINARY

Abe Kritt and Jack Fell of the freshman class were the principals in a six-round boxing match staged in the Veterinary College building last Monday night. The whole college was the audience. The fight was called a draw.

### TEACHERS COLLEGE

Practice teaching at the Orphanage has been suspended for a time.

Miss Alma Barker, with a party of friends from Baltimore, went on an automobile picnic to Great Falls last week.

### LAW

There are now six naval officers and two army officers studying law at the University. For the last several years practically all of the officers detailed to the Judge Advocate General's office have taken a course in law at George Washington and among our graduates are to be found some of the most prominent army and navy officers in the service. That our Law School is selected, from all those in the District, to train its officers is one of the highest compliments that the government could pay to the University.

Edward L. Potter who was a student in the Law School last year has just been elected president of the American-Russian Banking Corporation of Hopewell, Va. The banking corporation has a capitalization of \$50,000, and will open its doors for business this month. Mr. Potter has also been elected secretary of the bar association of Hopewell.

### PRE-MEDICAL

The Pre-Medical class gave an enjoyable dance at the Potomac Boat Club on March 22. The hall was decorated with gold and black, and an orchestra of five pieces of the Marine Band supplied the music. Refreshments were served during the intermission. About 60 persons attended.

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

Pedro Lavadia, '16, is writing a monograph on the social economic and political conditions in the Philippines. He is majoring in history and political science, and working for a minor under Dean Ruediger. Mr. Lavadia received his bachelor's degree from Cornell.

### ARCHITECTURE

Karrick and Daidy are among the candidates for the varsity tennis team.

Plans are being made for a second dancing party to be given by the Architectural Club the first week in May.

The fourth series of Beaux Art problems were completed last Saturday and forwarded to New York for judgment. B. H. Harris and A. H. Goddard rendered "A Golf Club" while "An Italian Village Well" was studied by T. R. Edwards, A. B. Farmham and E. E. Coulon and A. P. Starr.

The next Architectural Club meeting will be held next Friday evening at 2022 F St., N. W. President Craton will preside and Mr. Dunbar, the well-known sculptor, will be the speaker.

### MANY GIRLS COME OUT FOR TENNIS TEAM

Miss Stanton is Manager; Will Play Other Colleges and Use Municipal Courts

Desiring to see the girls of the University engage in tennis the association has secured the appointment by Dean Fraser of Miss Nell Stanton as assistant manager of tennis to act as manager of the girls' team. A meeting was called for last Friday in Prof. McNemar's office. The room was packed and 36 girls enrolled their names as candidates for the team, each agreeing to pay 50 cents to defray expenses.

A schedule is being made up. Probably matches will be secured with most of the colleges which were met by the girls' basket ball team. Try-outs will start as soon as the municipal courts are opened, probably April 15.

The girls who are coming out are: M. H. Schoenfeld, G. Helgesen, F. Everts, E. O. Cullen, B. Tait, M. J. Prentiss, J. W. Burleson, Yetta Brez, Mabel Blanchard, E. A. Paull, Theodosia D. Seibold, Phyllis P. Stewart, Mildred M. Hughes, B. Colonna, R. Benfer, M. McGrew, R. Breuninger, Lee Lloyd, Ethel Paine, Julia Ruff, Mary H. Grover, Hester I. Munger, Margaret Brownie, Mary Graybill, Mary H. Watkins, Nell Stanton, Eleanor Earnshaw, Helen LaForge, Katherine Lyons, Olive Clinton, Ruby Clinton, Emma Reh, Dorothy Davis, Catherine Vaux, Marie McCloud, Elizabeth A. Davis.

### TIMES COMMENTS EDITOR- IALLY UPON G. W. U.— G. U. GAME

The Washington Times recently commented editorially upon the signing of the compact between G. W. U. and G. U. It is as follows:

"Not for many months have lovers of good sport in Washington been treated to such cheering news as that which comes from the football camps of Georgetown and George Washington Universities, that these two are to meet on the gridiron again on Thanksgiving Day.

"No football game played here, not even the thrilling struggles between Georgetown and Virginia, has the local interest as that which attached to the annual match between the two Capital varsities. They have not met since 1910, and even if they are not so well matched, the game on the Hilltop next Thanksgiving will bring out a crowd of rooters the like of which has not been seen since the two last met.

"Highest credit for arranging this event belongs to Graduate Managers Cox, of Georgetown, and Baer, of George Washington. The game not only will be a center of interest on Thanksgiving Day, but it will be a financial aid to athletics at both institutions, and will make for a greater degree of 'College Spirit' and wholesome rivalry."

### SENIORS TO COMPETE FOR DAVIS ORATORICAL PRIZES

Seven Will Try for Three Prizes on April 25 in Annual Public Speaking Classic

Seven seniors of the Department of Arts and Sciences will compete in the annual Davis Prize speaking contest to be held on Tuesday, April 25 in the A. & S. Assembly Hall. This debating contest for prizes made possible by an endowment made in 1847 by Hon. Isaac Davis of Massachusetts has been an annual feature ever since that date.

Miss Mabel Blanchard, Miss Margaret Knowles, Miss Margaret Willits, Miss Julia Ruff, Herbert P. Ramsey, B. L. Tepper, and Maximo Kallaw will be the contestants.

As yet no judges have been selected. The orations will be original, and are submitted to Dean Wilbur in advance of presentation. Three prizes will be awarded.

### Girls Run Quick Lunch and Help the Athletic Association

Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, and Ice Cream Favorite Dishes; Many Students Yielded to Aromas

The delicious odor of hot coffee, hot dogs and other supper delicacies permeated the A. & S. Building Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 7:30. Few were able to resist the artistic signs and the personal urgings, and the tired night student smiled during class as he realized that supper was so near. The girls acted as waitresses, and the women's study room was a very popular quick lunch.

The girls announce that the suppers have materially made up for the short comings of those who have not paid for athletic tickets. Miss Lucy Burlingame managed the suppers, and was ably assisted by Misses Dorothy Davis, Theodosia Seibold, Elizabeth Davis, Helen Hotchkiss, Mabel Blanchard, Catherine Vaux, Fay Pierce, Marie McCloud.

### Law School Association To Hold Annual Reunion

Officers to be Elected; Prominent Speakers and Glee Club to Entertain at University Club on April 26

Plans have been completed for the fifth annual meeting of the Columbian-George Washington Law School Association and reunion of the Law School alumni which will be held at the University Club, Wednesday, April 26 at 8:30 P.M. Members of the senior class of Law School are cordially invited to be present as guests of the Association. This affords an excellent opportunity for this year's seniors and prospective alumni to get acquainted with alumni of preceding years.

A short business meeting and election of officers will be followed by several speeches by prominent alumni and then by a very attractive program. No further announcement is necessary other than that the committee in charge reports that Charles T. Tittmann, Earl Carbaugh and Arthur B. Pierce will entertain the guests. A cordial invitation has also been extended to the University Glee Club and it is expected that they will give several numbers. At the end of the more formal entertainment will be a reunion and smoker and refreshments will be served.

Last year representatives of thirty-five graduating classes filled the big dining room of the University Club at the fourth annual meeting of the association which was part of the Semi-Centennial Celebration. The program for this year is more elaborate than that planned for last year and indications are that there will be an even larger attendance.

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